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Women Take Center Stage at Busch Facility

By Tony Legg

The Gateway Long Spurs' Women In The Outdoors Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Missouri Department of Conservation teamed up to host two Women In The Outdoor Events for 2004. The first of which was held in March featuring 11 different workshops, lunch and other events for all participants. This one day event was held at the Busch Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center where the facility was closed to all other users so the WITO and Busch staff's attention could be focused on comprehensive guidance and attentiveness, along with just providing a good time for everyone.

Paradigms and cultural blocks are quickly dispelled as the attending women heartily joined in on the various hands-on workshops. Teachers, business women, homemakers, both novices and experts of the outdoors alike, joined in for a great day of camaraderie and a wonderful outdoor education experience. Workshops touched on a broad range of topics related to the outdoors, Stream Ecology and Dynamics, Bird Watching & ID, Wild Edibles, Snake Identification, 18th Century Life, Archery, Trap, Skeet, Rifle & Handgun Shooting and Turkey Hunting. The weather cooperated for a grand day and the WITO staff provided a lunch for all along with gifts, memberships, and information on several topics.



MDC staff member Scott Sarantakis uses the department's Stream Table to discuss stream ecology and dynamics with some of the ladies during one of the WITO workshops.

Once again participants will have a chance to take a break from their typical Saturday this September 18th for the fall event, which looks to be larger and offer more workshops than ever. Women will have choices between several workshops including; "A River Runs Through It" Stream Ecology, "Where are we?" Orienteering, "Fine Feathered Friends" Bird Watching Basics, "Bonsai Ninja" Bonsai, Miniature Tree Basics, "Spice up your life" Create your own Herb garden to take home, "Black Belt Betty" Personal Safety and Self Defense, "Bead It!" Jewelry Making, "Go Batty" Build your own Bat House, "Mm-Mm Good" Dutch Oven Cooking, "Munch on the Wild Side" Hunting for Wild Edibles, "Go Fish!" Fishing 101, Basics of Fishing, "Some Like It Hot" Making and canning your own Salsa, "I can't believe it's not a Butterball!" Turkey Hunting Basics, "The Buck Stops Here!" Deer Hunting Basics, "Can't grill it till you kill it" Cooking Wild Game, "Cupid's Revenge" Archery, "Annie Get Your Gun" Rifle & Handgun Shooting, "Bye Bye Birdie" Trap, "Double Trouble" Skeet, "Stand Where?" 5-Stand Shotgun, "Fore" Golf Basics.

Once again this event will be held at the Busch Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center. This event is open to all women ages 14 and up, for more information or registration contact Carol Schulte at (636) 978-6429 or email to CSchu88@aol.com

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Fact vs. Fiction

Of more than 1,150 species of birds and mammals in North America, only about 145 (12.5%) are legally sought by recreational hunters - *Wildlife Management Institute*

“Attention Dove Hunters”

By Greg Toczyłowski

It will be Dove Season before you know it!

The Conservation Commission approved frame works identical to the 2003 Dove Season and limits. The season will start September 1 and end on November 9. This includes Mourning, Eurasian collared, and White-winged doves. There is a daily limit of 12 in the aggregate, with a possession limit of 24. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

NOW is the time to come out to the Busch and Henges Shooting Ranges and Outdoor Education Centers to practice your shotgun shooting fundamentals. This will prepare you for opening day with confidence and reduce your shots fired to doves harvest ratio.

The Missouri Conservation Department's St. Louis Region has several conservation areas that offer dove hunting opportunities. These areas include Columbia Bottom, August A. Busch Memorial, Weldon Spring, Logan, and White. Special area regulations may apply for these areas.

Special youth opportunities are also available in the forms of clinics and hunts at many department areas. This year both Busch C.A. and Columbia Bottom will have clinics and hunts for first time youth hunters. (See range pages for more info.)

Columbia Bottom C.A. will again have a drawing for dove hunting starting July 1. Application cards can be obtained at Columbia Bottom C.A., Busch C.A., Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, or by calling Columbia Bottom Visitors Center after July 1. All applications must be received by 4 p.m. on July 31, 2004 to be included in the lottery drawing. For an application to be mailed to you contact (314) 877-6014 after July 1st.

For information about dove hunting opportunities at August A. Busch Memorial, Weldon Spring, Marais Temp Claire, William G. White and Erma Parke White, and William R. Logan Conservation Areas contact the St. Louis Regional Office (636) 441-4554.

Hope to see you at the range and be safe!

Muzzle Loaders “Beware the Wooden Ramrod”

By Terry McCarty

If you are using an older traditional muzzle loader or a new one with a wooden ramrod you should consider replacing it with one of fiberglass or metal. Over time wood can dry out and become brittle or absorb oils that weaken it. Additionally, these can collect dirt, grit, grime, powder residues, and solvents. During loading or cleaning, the wooden ramrod can break and inflict a very nasty wound to your arm or hands.

You can always keep the wooden ramrod in the firearm for looks and aesthetic value. But at the range or out hunting use a fiberglass or metal ramrod for loading and cleaning. Remember always grasp low on the ramrod and use short strokes to load. Never grasp high on the ramrod and apply pressure that severely bows the ramrod during loading.

MDC Shooting Range Program - Little Indian Creek

By Tony Legg

With the ever growing population of our state and open areas becoming increasingly surrounded by urban sprawl, safe places to practice firearms shooting are becoming harder and harder to find. The Department of Conservation has been developing safe shooting ranges on department lands since 1972 to offer needed opportunities. These ranges are continually being developed to provide a safe place for people to shoot, that are easily accessible, in and around population centers.

These ranges meet or exceed all national safety guidelines for shooting range design and are inspected at least twice yearly to ensure their maintenance and continued safety. One of the newest ranges in the department's inventory is right here in the St. Louis Region. Little Indian Creek Range in Washington County offers outstanding opportunities for the shotgun, rifle or handgun shooter. Constructed with 12-shooting benches and target lines at 25-, 50- and 100-yards, rifle and handgun shooters have ample distance varieties to enhance their skills. For the shotgun shooter there is a concrete pad for the shooter and use of a hand or portable thrower.



While the area manager provides a stock of paper targets, it is recommended you bring your own. Target holders are available, but you will need a staple gun or other means to hang your paper target. Shotgun shooters must bring their own clay targets and thrower. Using trash, glass or other garbage on the range to shoot at is not permitted. Additional rules and regulations are posted at the ranges.

While the majority of area shooters and hunters are proud to have a new facility such as this to use and take care during their visit to be safe, courteous, remove trash, target and brass, a small number of less desirable visitors have made their presence known. This new and attractive facility has already seen its share of vandalism and damage, from the shooting of new signs, bulletin boards, and drainage culverts to littering, markings, and illegal possession of alcohol at the range and parking areas. If you see someone improperly using the facility or damaging it, contact the Sullivan office at (573) 468-3335 or nearest Conservation Agent.

The range is open every day except for Mondays. Directions to the facility from St. Louis are; take I-44 west to exit #226, south on Rte 185 for 6.8 miles, then left on county Hwy A for 5.4 miles. For more information on MDC ranges in the St. Louis Region and around the state visit the MDC range web page at www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/

REMEMBER...while it is important to have the right equipment, technology does not replace good hunting and shooting skills.

August A. Busch Memorial Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center

To Register for Programs/Classes Call (636) 441-4554

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED

AUGUST PROGRAMS

Muzzleloading & Blackpowder Firearm Basics

Tue, Aug 3, 9am

This program covers safety, handling, types, powders, bullets, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. The Range will provide all firearms and ammunition.

Intermediate Skeet Shooting

Wed, Aug 4, 5pm

Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of experienced individuals. This course **will not** cover basic shotgun or beginning skeet techniques.

Intermediate Trap Shooting

Thu, Aug 5, 5pm

Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of experienced individuals. This course **will not** cover basic shotgun or beginning trap techniques.

.22 Caliber Rifle Basics for the Beginner

Sat, Aug 7, 9am

Busch staff will take you through all the basics for you and your family to handle rifles and enjoy the sport. .22 caliber target rifles and ammunition will be provided for all attendees.

Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Mon, Aug 9 – Wed, Aug 10 5:30 to 9pm

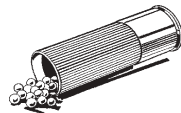
Have problems making a weekend course, want to miss the crowds? This class is for you, held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules. Must attend all three nights and pass test.



Shotgun Shell Reloading Seminar

Wed, August 11, 6:30pm

Featuring reloading specialist Craig Bischof of Graf's Reloading. This program discusses the basics, reasons for reloading, equipment needed and types on the market, component nomenclature, component types, tips, safety, etc., and answers to questions.



Knife Sharpening Basics

Thu, Aug 12, 6pm

Why can't you get that knife sharp like when it was new? Looking for help and techniques to get those pocket, kitchen, hunting and fishing knives sharpened? This seminar will cover the differences in knives, edges, angles, and some techniques to sharpen them.



Introduction to Archery Basics

Sat, Aug 14, 9am

Interested in taking up a new hobby or sport for yourself and the whole family? Archery may be for you. This course will cover the ABC's of the sport and conclude on the archery range with opportunities to shoot. MDC will provide all equipment.

Introduction to Hiking/Biking Trails at Busch CA

Sat, Aug 14, 9am

A presentation of the various hiking and biking trails on the Busch/Weldon Spring areas. We will begin in the classroom to cover the difficulty, features, and points of interest on the various trails. Then move to the trails for hiking and biking (optional).

Rifle Care, Cleaning & Preventative Maintenance Basics

Tue, Aug 17, 6pm

Busch staff will be leading you through basic safety and procedures to clean and care for that rifle. Rifles and equipment provided.

Rifle/Handgun (Metallic) Cartridge Reloading Seminar

Wed, Aug 18, 6:30pm

Featuring reloading specialist Craig Bischof of Graf's Reloading. This program discusses the basics, reasons for reloading, equipment needed and types on the market, component nomenclature, component types, tips, safety, etc., and answers to questions.

Intermediate Trap Shooting

Thu, Aug 19, 5pm

Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of experienced individuals. This course **will not** cover basic shotgun or beginning trap techniques.

Women's Shotgun Basics and Sport Shooting

Sat, Aug 21, 1pm – 6pm

This program covers safety, handling, types, ammunition, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. Live firing will take place the next morning with, Trap, Skeet, and ground target introductions. The Range will provide all shotguns and ammunition.



Muzzleloading/Blackpowder Firearm Care & Cleaning

Tue, Aug 24, 6pm

Busch staff will be leading attendees through basic safety and special procedures to clean and care for that Blackpowder firearms. Firearms and cleaning equipment will be provided.

Archery Equipment Maintenance

Wed, Aug 25, 6:30pm

This program covers basic bow, arrow and accessory maintenance. You may bring bows, crossbows, and equipment to the program to go over it with Mike Roos of Mike's Bait, Tackle and Archery.



Women's Handgun Basics

Thu, Aug 26, 9am

Busch staff will take you through all the basics for you to handle handguns and enjoy the sport. .22 caliber target handguns and larger caliber handguns will be provided along with ammunition.

Firearm Selection for Beginning Hunters and Shooters

Thu, Aug 26, 6pm

Program discusses selection based on experience, purpose, type of shooting, game, area/terrain to be hunted, size & build of individual. Will cover rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns.

Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course

Fri, Aug 27 6pm & Sat, Aug 28 9am

Program contents consist of the history of bowhunting, ethics & responsibilities, preparation, arrow dynamics, techniques, shot placement, trailing techniques, safety, tree stand set-up, plus more.



Duck Calling Seminar

Tue, Aug 31 6:30pm

Featuring Champion Caller Kurt Daniels, owner and maker of Show-Me Calls. Seminar will also feature Conservation Agents and other specialists to answer your questions.



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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Basic Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Optics

Wed, Sep 1 6pm

Our staff will be conducting this program covering the basics of optics and what you need to know to help with decisions and use. This program is not only for the hunter, but others that wish to use optics in their activities.



Game Care Before and After Taxidermy

Thu, Sep 2 6pm

Come listen to taxidermist Dave Hewitt, as he provides information and takes questions on how to give a taxidermist the best chance to provide an outstanding mount. Also, how to care for and make that mount last a lifetime in the best possible condition.

Youth Dove Hunting Clinics and Hunts for First Timers

Fri, Sep 4 5:30pm, Clinic – Sat, Sep 5, Hunt

Open to first time youth dove hunters only and an effort to encourage hunting as an enjoyable outdoor experience. Youth must be between 11-15 years of age, be hunter education certified and accompanied by an adult. MDC will provide shotguns and shells for youth if needed. There will be two separate clinics and hunts at Busch and Columbia Bottom CA, youths may sign-up for one or the other.

2004 Missouri Whitetail Deer Hunting Seminar

(Held at Powder Valley Nature Center)

Tue, Sep 7 7:30pm

Come and join the MDC experts along with pro-staff from call and lure companies. These experts will cover critical topics needed to understand proper hunting techniques, skills, information, and the various regulations. This **Free** seminar is open to all and no pre-registration is required.



Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course

Wed, Sep 8 & Thu, Sep 9 6pm each night

Program consists of; history of bowhunting, ethics & responsibilities, preparation, arrow dynamics, techniques, shot placement, trailing techniques, safety, stand set-up, plus more.



Shotgun Basics and Sport Shooting

Sat, Sep 11, 1pm – 6pm

This program covers safety, handling, types, ammunition, equipment, marksmanship fundamentals and more. The range will provide all shotguns and shells.

Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Tue, Sep 14 – Thu, Sep 16 5:30 to 9pm

Must attend all three nights and pass test. Have problems making a weekend course, want to miss the crowds? This class is for you, held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules.



Rifle Basics

Tue, Sep 21 6pm - Wed, Sep 22 5:30pm

Busch staff will take you through all the basics for you to handle rifles and enjoy the sport. Then we move to the range to fire .22 caliber target rifles and .243 caliber high power

scoped rifles provided by MDC along with ammunition. Participants must attend the classroom to take part in the firing.

Women In The Outdoors Workshops

Sat, Sep 18 8:45am

See article on page 1. Range will be closed all day for this special event



Youth Waterfowl Hunting Clinic and Hunt

Sun, Sep 12 2pm, Clinic – Hunts on various dates

Open to first time youth waterfowl hunters only and is an effort to encourage hunting as an enjoyable outdoor experience. Youth must be between 11-15 years of age, be hunter education certified and accompanied by an adult. MDC will provide shotgun and shells for youth if needed.

Fall Turkey Hunting Seminar

Thu, Sep 23 6:30pm

Looking for a unique hunting challenge—interested in the different tactics and techniques for turkeys in the fall. Join MDC Turkey Biologist Jeff Beringer, Calling Champion and Knight & Hale Pro-Staffer Keith Wahlig, along with other experts as they discuss this year's populations, techniques, tactics, calls, regulations, and more.



National Hunting and Fishing Day

Sat, Sep 25 10am – 4pm

Families shoot for free when they visit the range. Bring the whole family to the range to enjoy a little shotgun, rifle or handgun shooting for free (certain limitations apply). Volunteers and staff will be on hand to offer assistance and help, along with several Conservation Organizations and others that promote and support the outdoors. Then visit the rest of the Busch Area to enjoy a day driving in the outdoors, fishing, hiking, archery, etc.

Handgun Basics

Tue, Sep 28 6pm — Wed, Sep 29 5:30pm

Busch staff will take you through all the basics for you to handle handguns and enjoy the sport. .22 caliber target handguns and larger caliber handguns will be provided along with ammunition.

Campfire Building Basics & Hot Dog Roast

Wed, Sep 29 6pm to 8pm

Wondering how Lewis & Clark started their fires? Curious about how to start a fire without matches or lighters? This program covers methods of fire starting for the curious, camper, etc. Great program for scout and youth groups.



Whitetail Deer Field to Freezer

Thu, Sep 30 5pm

Hesitant about deer hunting because you are intimidated with caring for the deer after you harvest it? Wonder why your deer goes to the butcher weighing one thing, but the meat comes back about half that weight? This hands-on program will cover field dressing, game care, knife selection, skinning, butchering, wrapping your own deer meat and much more.

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AUGUST PROGRAMS

Basic Archery

Wed, Aug 4 6pm

Learn basic archery knowledge and shooting fundamentals that will make you a good safe archer. Program includes lecture & archery range practical shooting.



Firearms Safety in the Home

Thu, Aug 5 6pm

This program will cover how to handle and store firearms safely in the home. Information on safety devices from trigger locks to gun safes will be covered by a representative from Mid-America Firearms. Free cable gun locks will be available from the Conservation Federation of Missouri "PROJECT CHILDSAFE" program.

Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Sat, Aug 7 - Sun, Aug 8 9am to 4pm each day

The Missouri Hunter Education Student Course is a mandatory requirement for anyone born on or after January 1, 1967 to purchase a firearm hunting permit. Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Students must pass an exam to become certified. Topics included: hunter ethics and responsibility, firearms and ammunition, firearms Safety, hunter and conservation, first aid and survival, hunter skills, and wildlife identification.



"KIDS ONLY" Introduction to Archery

Wed, Aug 11 6pm

This program is to introduce youths to archery shooting. Topics will include archery safety, equipment, and shooting fundamentals. Course will include lecture and archery range activity.



Boy Scouts of America Rifle Merit Badge Program

Thu, Aug 12 (lecture) 6pm-9pm

Sat, Aug 14 (range) 8am-10am

BSA rifle merit badge curriculum will be instructed by BSA counselors/NRA certified Rifle Instructors. Firearms, ammunition, eye & ear protection will be provided. **DO NOT BRING ANY FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION.** Scout Leaders must register each scout individually. Must be an organized troop activity. Each troop must provide an adult supervision, with a ratio 1 to 5 youths.

Outdoor Survival Skills

Sat, Aug 14 1pm

This course for outdoor enthusiasts includes the essentials of outdoor survival including the psychological and physical aspects of survival situations. Items for your own survival kit will be discussed.

Thoughts on Ethics "Laws are everything you must and must not do; ethics are those things you should and should not do..." --
T.D Carroll, former hunter and education administrator

How to Zero Your Rifle

Wed, Aug 18 6pm

Proper procedures to align your optic or open sights for accuracy. Windage and elevation will be evaluated at multiple distances. Program will include classroom lecture and live fire practical exercises on the rifle range.

Predator Calling Seminar

Thu, Aug 19 7pm

Learn the tricks of the trade on how to call in predators such as bobcat and coyote. We will show you strategic set-ups, calling devices, and tactics.



Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course

Fri, Aug 20 6pm - 9pm Sat, Aug 21 9am - 4pm

The Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course meets the requirements for those states that require mandatory Bowhunter Education Certification. Missouri presently does not require this mandatory certification; however, we encourage all bow hunters to attend this program. Program contents consist of history of Bowhunter responsibilities, hunt preparation, arrow dynamics, equipment, hunting techniques, Bowhunter safety, tree stand set-up, and tracking techniques. Students 13 years of age and under must attend with an adult. All students must attend the entire course and pass an exam to become certified.



What is a Chronograph & How to Use It

Wed, Aug 25 6pm

Learn muzzle velocity and its effect on trajectory. Course will include classroom lecture and live firing exercise on the rifle range.

Youth Squirrel Hunting Clinic

Fri, Aug 27 (lecture) 6pm-9pm

Sat, Aug 28 (hunt) 6am-9am

Program is designed for 1st time youth squirrel hunters. Classroom lecture topics will include: firearms safety, shooting fundamentals, hunting regulations, squirrel biology & habitat, hunting techniques, and field game care. Hunts will be included in program. Youth and adult must attend program. Adult must be properly licensed to guide the youth participant during the hunt.



Henges Range August hours of operation are:

Open Thursdays thru Sundays — 10am to 4pm
Wednesdays 2pm to 8pm
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events

Busch Range August hours of operation are:

Open Fridays thru Mondays — 10am to 4pm
Tuesdays 2pm to 8pm
Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays
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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

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Trophy Game Care

Wed, Sep 8 6pm



Learn how to care for your trophy game harvest from the field to the taxidermist. This care is critical to the success of the taxidermist craft. This program will be presented by representatives from the renowned Schwarz Studio.

Waterfowl Seminar

Thu, Sep 9 7pm



Pre-season warm-up to get your excitement flowing for the 2004-2005 waterfowl season. Program will include firearms safety, water safety, waterfowl regulations, season harvest prospects, waterfowl ID, calling technique, hunting strategies, and equipment needs. This program will be presented by the "Duck Man" Dan Emerling. Dan's quote "waterfowl hunting is not expensive, IF you have your financial priorities in the right place!"

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Clinic

Sat, Sep 11 9am



This program is sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Winchester Ammunition, and the Missouri Conservation Department. Program topics include: firearms safety, water safety, waterfowl regulations, waterfowl needs & preferences, waterfowl ID, calling demonstration, hunting set-ups & strategies, shotgun shooting fundamentals, and shotgun patterning exercise. Hunts will be available during the 2004-2005 seasons. Adult must attend the clinic with the youth. Guides will be provided for the hunts. Hunts maybe limited.

Deer Processing- Field to Freezer

Thu, Sep 16 7pm

Learn the necessary steps that you need to take to preserve your deer from the field to the freezer. We will show you how to field dress a deer and butcher the different portions of the deer. This class will provide tips, which will enhance the quality of your future dinners.

NOTE: Bore sight-in assistance is available at no charge during public range operations Wed thru Sun 10am - 4pm Sep thru Nov

Outdoor Cooking with Dutch Ovens

Sat, Sep 18 8am



COME HUNGRY! At this clinic, you will not leave hungry. We will be cooking with Dutch Ovens and charcoal. We will prepare a meal with all the fixin's from start to finish and provide you with tasty recipes.

Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

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Youth Deer Bow Hunting Clinic

Fri, Sep 24 6pm



This is an introduction program for youth bow hunters. Course curriculum will include: bow safety, hunter safety, tree stand safety, wildlife regulations, deer habitat, hunting strategies, tracking techniques, archery equipment, deer biology, field dressing, and archery shooting fundamentals. Hunts will be scheduled during the 2004-2005 archery season.

National Hunting & Fishing Day

Sat, Sep 25 10am - 4pm



In honor of National Hunting & Fishing Day the Range fees for families will be waived for 2 hrs at the pistol/rifle range, 2 rounds of trap, 1 hr at the patterning range, and 2 hrs at the archery range per permit. Range staff & volunteers will be available for assistance at any of the shooting activities. Telescopic bore sight-in assistance will be offered free. Free "PROJECT CHILDSAFE" firearm cable locks will be distributed to all participants. This is our way of thanking America's hunters & anglers for all their conservation funding support over the years.

Henges Range September hours of operation are:

Open Wednesdays thru Sundays — 10am to 4pm

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events

Busch Range September hours of operation are:

Open Fridays thru Mondays — 10am to 4pm
Tuesdays -- 2pm to 8pm

Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events
(Sep 6th & 18th)



St. Louis Region Hunter Education Certification Courses

ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED
(additional courses listed on range program pages)

Franklin County

Location: East Central College, Union
Date: Wed, Aug 11 - Fri, Aug 11
Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm each day
Registration#: (636) 583-5195 ext 2410

Location: Union Fire Department
Date: Wed, Sep 22 - Fri, Sep 24
Time: 6:30pm to 10pm each night
Registration#: (636) 583-8471
Remarks: \$3 fee charged by the facility

Jefferson County

Location: Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
Date: Fri, Aug 6 & Sat, Aug 7
Time: Fri 6:30pm to 9:30pm Sat 9- 4
Registration#: (636) 464-6214

Location: Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
Date: Aug 16 & 18 - Aug 23 & 25
Time: each Mon & Wed, 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Registration#: (636) 464-6214

Location: High Ridge Civic Center
Date: Sat, Aug 21 - Sun, Aug 22
Time: 8am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 797-5334
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Jefferson College
Date: Tue, Aug 31 - Sat, Sep 4
Time: Tue/Thu, 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sat, 8am to 3pm
Registration#: (636) 797-3000 ext 144
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Red Brick Sporting Goods
Date: Tue, Sep 7 - Sat, Sep 11
Time: Tue/Thu, 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sat, 8am to 3pm
Registration#: (636) 671-4444
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Festus/Crystal Elks Lodge
Date: Sat, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 12
Time: Sat, 8am to 4pm and Sun, 11am to 4pm
Registration#: (636) 937-0910

Location: Arnold Baptist Church
Date: Tue, Sep 14 - Sat, Sep 18
Time: Tue/Thu 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sat, 8:30am to 4pm
Registration#: (636) 296-7729 ext 101

Location: Jeffco Baptist Assoc. Park
Date: Tue, Sep 21 - Sat, Sep 25
Time: Tue/Thu 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sat, 8am to 4pm
Registration#: (636) 937-0910

Location: Festus Conservation Club
Date: Mon, Sep 27 - Sat, Oct 2
Time: Mon/Wed, 6:30 to 9:30pm and Sat, 8am to 4pm
Registration#: (636) 933-0908
Remarks: \$3 fee charged by the facility

Location: Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
Date: Sep 27 & 29th - Oct 4 & 6
Time: each Mon/Wed, 6:30 to 9:30pm
Registration#: (636) 464-6214

Lincoln County

Location: UM Extension, Troy
Date: Fri, Aug 13 - Sat, Aug 14
Time: Fri 6 - 9:30pm, Sat 8am - 5:30pm
Registration#: (636) 665-5374

Location: Elsberry American Legion
Date: Sat, Sep 11
Time: 7am to 6:30pm
Registration#: (636) 665-5374

St. Charles County

Location: St. Peters Senior Center
Date: Sat, Aug 21 - Sun, Aug 22
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 477-6600 ext 400
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Wentzville Green Lantern
Date: Sat, Aug 28 - Sun, Aug 29
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: 636/327-7665*636/332-9236
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: August A. Busch C.A.
Date: Sat, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 12
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 441-4554

Location: St. Peters Community Center
Date: Sat, Aug 21 - Sun, Aug 22
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 477-6600 ext 400
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: St. Charles Com. College
Date: Sat, Sep 18 - Sun, Sep 19
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 922-8000
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: St. Peters Senior Center
Date: Sat, Sep 25 - Sun, Sep 26
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (636) 477-6600 ext 400
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

St. Louis County

Location: Meramec Community College
Date: Sat, Aug 7 - Sun, Aug 8
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 984-7777
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Location: Forest Park Com. College
Date: Sat, Aug 7 - Sun, Aug 8
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 644-9175
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Powder Valley CNC
Date: Sat, Aug 7 - Sun, Aug 8
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 301-1500

Location: Mehlville High School
Date: Tue, Aug 31 - Tue, Sep 28
Time: 7pm to 9:30pm each Tue
Registration#: (314) 984-7777
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Powder Valley CNC
Date: Sat, Sep 4 - Sun, Sep 5
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 301-1500

Location: Meramec Community College
Date: Sat, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 12
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 984-7777
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Forest Park Com. College
Date: Sat, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 12
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 644-9175
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Florissant Valley ComCollege
Date: Sat, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 12
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 595-4444
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Forest Park Com. College
Date: Sat, Sep 18 - Sun, Sep 19
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 644-9175
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility

Location: Powder Valley CNC
Date: at, Sep 25 - Sun, Sep 26
Time: 9am to 4pm each day
Registration#: (314) 301-1500

Location: Oakville High School
Date: Wed Sep 28 - Wed, Oct 27
Time: 7pm to 9:30pm each Wed
Registration#: (314) 984-7777
Remarks: \$5 fee charged by the facility



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October

At Busch

5th thru 7th Hunter Education Certification Course

11th thru 31st Free Bore Sighting for Scoped Rifles

23rd Paraffin and Gel Candle Making Course

At Henges

2nd & 3rd Intro to Muzzle Loading Rifle

16th Nature/Wildlife Photography Clinic

21st & 23rd Pointing Dog Training Seminar

November

At Henges

4th & 6th Youth Quail Clinic and Hunt

At Busch

1st thru 12th Free Bore Sighting for Scoped Rifles

22nd Women's Outdoor Gift Purchasing Seminar

24th Basics of Muzzle Loading Rifles

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